

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 5, 6, and 16-18 were withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner allowed claim 20. Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-19 without prejudice.

Applicant has presented new claims 21-24 which are dependent on claim 20 and, being based on previously withdrawn (now cancelled) dependent claims, present no new matter or issues for examination. Therefore, they too are believed to be patentable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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